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Rayapuram, Salt Cottaurs and Beach railway stations both by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway and South Indian Railway during the years 1922–23 and 1911–12 and also their earnings?

A.—The Government have no information.

## Survey and Settlement.

*Settlement operations in the Trichinopoly district.*

231 Q.—Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the preliminary scheme report of settlement operations for the Trichinopoly district; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, when it is due?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The scheme report has been received and was published on the 13th January 1924

*Collection of survey charges in Wynad.*

232 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorial from the landowners of Wynad regarding the collection of survey charges;

(*b*) whether the Collector of Malabar has expressed any, and, if so, what opinion on that memorial;

(*c*) whether, since the last settlement in Wynad, agricultural lands have been relinquished or sold for arrears of revenue, and, if so, what is the extent of the lands thus sold or relinquished;

(*d*) what was the area of the agricultural land under occupation at the time of the last settlement in Wynad and what is the extent now;

(*e*) whether there has been any and, if so, what fall in the amount of the annual land revenue in Wynad since the last settlement; and

(*f*) what is the amount of survey charges proposed to be collected from the landowners of Wynad now and what is the amount of annual land revenue at present?

A.—(*a*) The Secretary, Wynad Janmi Mahajana Sangham, has submitted direct to Government a copy of the memorial prepared by the sangham.

(*b*) The Collector's remarks have not yet been received.

(*c*), (*d*), (*e*) & (*f*) The Government have no information.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to call for the information required under clauses (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), and (*f*)?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"I think it would be wise to wait and see the remarks of the Collector on the memorial in question. The Government may then call for the information."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to ask the Collector to send up his report urgently?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"Does the hon. Member suggest that this is a matter of very great urgency?"

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Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Yes, because I understand the survey authorities are about to collect the charges. That is my information. If the Collector's views are available to the memorialists, it will be of considerable assistance to them."

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" Yes, I am prepared to tell the Collector to authorize the suspension of the collection of this survey charge."

Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to publish the report of the Collector so that the people may know what the Collector's views are ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" Yes, I am prepared to do that."

*Resettlement proposals in the Bellary district.*

233 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have accepted, or propose to accept, the resolution of the Legislative Council regarding the postponement of the resettlement proposals in the Bellary district ?

A.—The question is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. P. Siva Rao :—" Have the Government issued any orders for the non-collection of the increased rates pending the revised rules of the Government in the matter ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" Sir, to the best of my information, the increase is not being collected."

Mr. P. Siva Rao :—" Is there any proposal not to levy the increased rates during the current fasli in view of the distress prevailing in that district ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" Such a proposal has been made."

Mr. P. Siva Rao :—" Has any decision been arrived at on that proposal ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" No."

Mr. P. Siva Rao :—" May I know when the decision of the Government is likely to be announced regarding that proposal ? "

The hon. Sir Arthur Knapp :—" I am unable to answer that question at present."

## Civil Justice.

*Rates to be levied from creditors for sending debtors to civil jails.*

234 Q.—Mr. P. Peddiraju : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased

(i) to state—

(a) whether the Government have moved the High Court to frame rules raising the rates levied from the creditors of debtors in civil jail s ;

(b) if so, whether the High Court has sent any reply ; and

(ii) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, to place the papers on the table ?